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DE 299 17 651 U1: This document describes a transducer, which is connected to a two-wire line for transmitting electrical power and a measuring signal, wherein, diagnostic means 10, 12, 13, 20 are provided in order to check the transducer's performance. If the performance is good, the measuring signal is transmitted as a 4-20 mA. If mainte-

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nance of the transducer is necessary, another current signal that lays outside the range of 4-20 mA and which is further different from the current that is transmitted in a fail state is transmitted.

DE 42 09 785 C2: This document describes a signal transfer system 1 that contains a transmitter 2 which superimposes a constant polarity current which flows over a transfer path to one or more receivers 4. The receiver produces a current I. A proportional signal whilst the current lies within defined limits. Warnings are transferred as a current outside the limits, during which the receiver produces a constant amplitude output. The warning is send as one or more amplitude values, of which at least the first is a start signal lying outside the limits. The warning signal contains information about its end and the receiver has a warning signal output 9.

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